

PREAMBLE

MEETING DETAILS:

- Group: CLCA Board of Directors
- Meeting type: Official
- Date: Friday June 27, 2025 at 11am
- Location: Cook Shack 3

REMINDERS:

- With the exception of the MOU dated June 2012, the CLCA has no formal status with Parks Canada. The CLCA Board is an Advisory Board only. Our role is to be the voice of the membership.
- Remember that we are guests of the Park, and it's important that we act accordingly.

AGENDA

PRESENT AT THE MEETING (quorum = 7)

In Person...

- Christian R.
- Rick G.
- Gale S.
- Jill L.
- Micheal H.

Online...

- Colin G.
- Dan L.
- Lyle G.

REGRETS:

- Elvi M.
- Andrew W.
- Kyle B.
- Melanie S.
- Leanne W.

1- CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Reading of Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

As we meet today to advocate for the Clear Lake Cabin Area and advise Parks Canada on how best to administer these lands, we acknowledge that the Cabin Area and the surrounding lands and waters which we love and care for so deeply, are at the heart of Treaty 2. We support, in the spirit of Reconciliation, Parks Canada's relationship with First Nations of Treaty 2, 4, and 1, and the Red River Métis.

Christian noted that this Land Acknowledgement is very important and appropriate these days, and that as Board members we need to take this to heart.

1.2 Reminder of the Chair's preferred rules of order

- Loosely follow Robert's Rules of Order.
- May jump around the Agenda based on when invited guests arrive.
- Keep the small talk to a minimum at formal meetings.
- Please raise your hand if you'd like to say something.
- Chair won't call for a vote, but instead ask if anyone is opposed. If several are opposed, then there will be a call for a vote (with roll call).

1.3 Chair to call meeting to order

Meeting officially called to order at 11:04 am.

2- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Rick
Seconded: Jill

3- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The last “formal” meeting of the CLCA Board was in January 2025. Meeting Minutes we distributed in advance for review and approval.

For the record, the CLCA Board met twice since then (May 19, 2025 and June 19, 2025) but these were “informal” meetings (i.e., information was shared, and business moved forward). Motions were presented over email and voting was tabulated – those motions and results are included on this Agenda and will be captured in the meeting minutes.

Motion: Jill
Seconded: Mike
Passed.

4- PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Meetings with PC (no motorboats, then motorboats, then no motorboats...) and Fairness for Clear lake (“WTA”)

A lot has changed since our last formal meeting. Parks reserved its earlier decision to allow motorized watercraft on a one boat one lake basis. This sudden change galvanized the community and gave new life to a coalition of associations that were already meeting to work together on Parks Canada related matters. Christian noted many meetings (over two dozen) with Fairness for Clear Lake – which is a stand-in for the Wasagaming Tenants’ Association. The CLCA is a member, and this is in part because of our Constitution and its reference to the CLCA’s role with the WTA. Christian shared the latest letter from Fairness for Clear Lake, which was addressed to the Field Unit Superintendent.

- Fairness for Clear Lake

MOTIONS BELOW THIS SECTION: Note that the motions below were typically held online before this June 27 meeting (throughout May and June after the ‘no boats announcement’). The votes were conducted over email. The motions and results of each vote are being recorded in these meeting minutes for completeness and so membership can see them.

Motion by Jill Lee

Seconded by Kyle Bazylo

Whereas is it the Board’s position that, under the current leadership, communication from the Riding Mountain Field Unit has become increasingly dismissive. Transparency has collapsed. Community input

is ignored. Questions go unanswered. Stakeholders feel they are not treated as partners, but as nuisances.

Whereas the Board is united in our desire for change at RMNP – for a future where community voices are respected, not ignored.

Whereas Article II of the CLCA Constitution states that our Purpose is to “represent and advocate for the collective interests of its membership”, and, “whether acting as an independent association, or alongside partner associations and organizations, the CLCA shall provide input to Parks Canada on concerns, solutions, and a vision for the Cabin Area that are consistent with the wishes of the membership.”

Be it moved that the CLCA donate \$2,000 to the Fairness for Clear Lake Initiative.

Discussion:

A discussion...

IN FAVOUR:

- Christian R.
- Lyle G.
- Jill Lee
- Micheal H.
- Rick G.
- Elvi M.
- Dan L.
- Colin G.
- Kyle B.
- Melanie S.
- Leanne W.

OPPOSED:

- Gale S.

ABSTAINED / NO RESPONSE:

- Andrew U.

Motion is PASSED

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- Membership survey

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Motion by: Rick Grimshaw

Seconded by: Michael Hance

Whereas the CLCA exists to represent and advocate for the collective interests of its membership.

Whereas the CLCA shall provide input to Parks Canada on concerns, solutions, and a vision for the Cabin Area that are consistent with the wishes of the membership.

Be it moved that the CLCA pay \$1,000 plus GST to Probe Research Inc. to build, deploy, and provide data and analysis on a survey of CLCA members' thoughts and opinions on motorized watercraft access for Clear Lake and the current relationship with Parks Canada Leadership.

Discussion:

- A discussion was had about asking Probe Research to review the questionnaire instrument for proper research methodologies, and it was noted that Probe Research has already reviewed and improved the original survey questionnaire to ensure neutrality and clarity, with further tweaks still possible based on board member input.
- Questions were raised about how to limit the survey responses to just CLCA members, and it was clarified that the plan is to limit the survey to one response per cabin, using the CLCA member database to ensure fair representation and prevent duplicate or non-member submissions.
- Questions were raised about the \$1,000 cost, given that this type of engagement with Probe Research would typically costs ~\$5,000. In response, it was clarified that Probe is offering a significantly reduced rate due to:
 - a) a strong professional relationship with the proposer,
 - b) the company's personal and historical connection to Clear Lake, and
 - c) their commitment to supporting non-profits with pro bono or discounted work.
- The cost was also justified in comparison to free or inexpensive tools like Survey Monkey, which lack the necessary controls to prevent multiple submissions or participation by non-members. Probe's involvement ensures data accuracy, member-only participation, and provides professional analysis for reporting.

IN FAVOUR:

- Christian Robin
- Jill Lee
- Micheal H.
- Rick G.
- Elvi M.
- Dan L.
- Colin G.
- Leanne W.

OPPOSED:

- Kyle B.
- Melanie S.

ABSTAINED / NO RESPONSE:

- Lyle G.
- Gale S.
- Andrew U.

Motion is PASSED

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- Canoe Graveyard

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Motion by: Melanie Sobering

Seconded by: Elvi Molsberry

Whereas the CLCA is not a registered organization (non-profit other other) and has been sitting a large sum of reserve funds for over 10 years.

Whereas the CLCA Board has previously voted in favour of purchasing kayak/canoe racks for the 2nd Street docks area for members and that this was communicated to the membership at several General Meetings.

Whereas Parks Canada has recently permitted the CLCA to purchase kayak/canoe racks for members and to place them along a new path (currently a roadway) between the 2nd Street docks and the Jamboree Hall, thus creating the Canoe Graveyard 2.0.

Whereas the CLCA Board has a vision for a more permanent solution that includes overnight storage of kayaks and canoes at the Boat Cove, but that this vision is at least a year away from becoming a reality.

Be it moved that the CLCA start with the purchase of up to six (6) 4-story kayak/canoe racks ASAP as a trial run and place them in the aforementioned location for use by the members for the 2025 season.

Discussion:

- Some expressed concerns about whether day-use racks are desired, suggesting members should be consulted due to the significant expense.
- Some questioned the practicality of day-use racks, noting personal habits and suggesting a survey for member feedback.
- It was emphasized that it is the Board's role to represent the membership and that it's not possible to poll the membership on all issues, and it was noted that there has been previous support for day-use racks from the board and membership, and that there would be many benefits for cabin owners, particularly those with mobility issues.
- It was clarified that overnight storage remains unlikely unless a local business offers a storage solution, but that there is a possibility for this to happen in the future, likely at the Boat Cove.
- Concerns were raised about enforcement of day-use policies and potential misuse of racks, prompting considerations about management and policy clarity.
- Concerns were raised about the fact that the Board is sitting on a large amount of cash and that this is not appropriate for a non-registered Board – it was noted that these funds needs to be spent on things that benefit the membership now, rather than collecting interest for a future endeavour (i.e., in the future, this kind of Board should fundraise for specific needs).
- Discussion focused on the need for a trial with less racks initially to gauge demand and manage any issues effectively.

IN FAVOUR:

- Christian Robin
- Melanie S.
- Micheal H.
- Jill Lee
- Elvi M.
- Rick G.
- Dan L.
- Colin G.
- Leanne W.

OPPOSED:

- Kyle B.
- Lyle G.
- Gale S.

ABSTAINED / NO RESPONSE:

- Andrew U.

Motion is PASSED

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- Website

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Motion by: Jill L.

Seconded by: Michael H.

Whereas the Board believes that a modern and well-functioning website is a critical component to our association’s ability to share and make available to members current and timely information, as well as keep members informed.

Whereas the Board has had the website modernization as a top priority project for many years.

Be it moved that the CLCA pay \$5,000 plus GST to Vincent Design Inc. to build and deploy a new website for the CLCA.

Discussion:

- Several board members expressed support, emphasizing the opportunity to complete a long-standing priority that seems to be placed on the backburner every year, and that doing so with a reputable Indigenous web development agency was worth considering. It was noted that the \$5,000 quote reflects community non-profit pricing and is well below typical costs for a professional web development agency.
- Questions were raised about what the quote includes—specifically, whether it covers ongoing maintenance or just the initial build. Clarification was provided: the quote covers the website update (build and deploy); ongoing maintenance would be a separate discussion but would be minimal.
- Some members questioned current website usage and whether improvements would increase engagement versus relying on social media. In response, the website was reaffirmed by some as a key communications tool, with its outdated state limiting its current value.
- Concerns were raised about the budget and whether \$5,000 is the best use of funds, or if the amount requires consultation with the broader membership. It was noted that funds for the update have already been set aside, though a review of board policy is always helpful.
- Several members suggested tabling the motion until the Board can better define the project’s goals and requirements. A Zoom or in-person meeting before the June General Meeting was proposed to allow for more informed discussion.
- Suggestions were made to consider alternative, lower-cost options. In response, members were encouraged to bring forward alternative proposals if they feel the project is worthwhile but the current estimate is too high. This could include proposals from other vendors or offers to do the work for a fee—an opportunity to contribute to the Board and the future of the CLCA.

IN FAVOUR:

- Christian R.
- Jill L.
- Micheal H.

OPPOSED:

- Kyle B.
- Lyle G.
- Gale S.
- Andrew U.
- Leanne W.
- Colin G.
- Elvi M.
- Melanie S.
- Dan L.

ABSTAINED:

- Rick G.

Motion is DEFEATED

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5- BUDGET & FINANCE UPDATE

Account balances

As at June 25, 2025, chequing account balance is \$14,002.84

Budget and Banking update (general)

As shared with the membership at large, we are doing our best to use up our large reserve for items that benefit the membership. Some larger expenses took place this spring, but our reserve is still very healthy – in fact larger than it should be – for a volunteer organization our size.

6- OTHER REPORTS (COMMITTEES / TASK FORCES)

STANDING: Governance and Nominating Committee: Lyle

Lyle is meeting with Rick to discuss ideas to find a slate of candidates.

STANDING: Membership Committee: Rick

Mike will provide a verbal report at the General Meeting.

STANDING: Communication Committee: Colin

Gale continues to send emails to the membership, and she will send out a General Meeting package later today from Christian.

AD HOC: Grounds Committee: Melanie

Christian commented on the 2nd Street docks area and the kayak racks.

AD HOC: Social Committee: Elvi

Christian noted that there are a number of events happening again this year – they will be shared at the General Meeting.

7- NEW BUSINESS

- Survey Results

The Board had a very good discussion about the survey results. It was determined that the survey was a very useful tool and reinforced that the Board's position is sound and in keeping with the general wishes of the membership. It was decided that Christian should include a simpler version of the survey results in the General Meeting package.

- Kayak/Canoe racks

Christian was very excited to share the progress on the "Lakeshore Park" path along the shoreline behind the Jamboree Hall (we have boulders!) and indicated that 4 racks have been ordered and will arrive within a week. This is our trial run for a staging area and day-use storage. It was decided that the long-term vision should be communicated to the membership at the General Meeting.

- New Building Guidelines for the Cabin Area

Christian noted that he went through each and every item of feedback provided by the members with the Parks Development team. Most of the feedback was addressed or incorporated.

- Memorandum Of Understanding

The Board had a discussion regarding the long-term goal of the Fairness for Clear Lake initiative. We discussed the model in Prince Albert, and reviewed our own MOU. Christian said he would share our current MOU with the rest of the Board.

- General Meeting on June 28

The Board spent some time discussing how to prepare for the General Meeting. Christian share the agenda and asked that all Board members arrive at 9:30am and be present to assist with the Q&A near the end of the meeting.

8- ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:11pm with a Motion by Micheal.

APPENDIX A: DIRECTORS AND ROLES

BOARD MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Governance and Nominating Committee (Standing):
 - Lyle (Chair)
 - Rick

- Membership Committee (Standing):
 - Rick (Chair)
 - Mike (database and renewals)
 - Jill (database and renewals)

- Communication Committee (Standing):
 - Colin (Chair, Meeting Minutes)
 - Gale (e-blasts, website)
 - Christian (content, FB, inquiries)

- Grounds Committee (Ad Hoc):
 - Melanie (Chair)
 - Christian
 - Gale Gaucher

- Social Committee (Ad Hoc):
 - Board member: Elvi Molsberry (Board rep, Finance)
 - Janelle Robin